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MAINSTREAM MONEY

The November 2nd Federal Register announced the availability of some \$10.2 million for an additional 250 Mainstream Housing Choice Vouchers for persons with disabilities. Housing authorities and nonprofits may apply. Applications are due January 3rd, 2006, and applications should be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov where the full notice and application materials can be found.

LENDER U.

Want to know what's new in FHA Lender Insurance Program? Then attend the free training on Mortgagee Letter 2005-36 satellite broadcast to be aired at HUD Richmond, 600 East Broad Street, in downtown Richmond from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 15th. For more, contact Virginia Holman at 800-842-2610, ext. 3743 or Virginia_f_Holman@hud.gov.

SRO-PPORTUNITY

The good news is that DHCD awarded pre-development grant to Piedmont Housing Alliance for pre-development costs for an SRO planned for central Virginia. The even better news is that DHCD is soliciting applications for grants of up to \$50,000 to support the development of Single-Room Occupancy facilities. For more, visit http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/ADMIN/Request_for_Proposals.htm

AND THAT'S NOT ALL. . .

DHCD's also seeking applications, due December 31st, to run its Emergency Home Repair Program in Bath, Shenandoah, and Westmoreland counties and the cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Emporia, Poquoson, and Staunton. For more, call DHCD's Floris Weston or visit http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/ADMIN/Request_for_Proposals.htm

!!! NEWS FLASH !!!

Governor Warner says Federal government will provide \$30 million, the State \$18 million and 17 private utility \$2.7 million in heating assistance this winter. Income eligible households should visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/index.html>

BRIEF BRIEFS

Saying families should "focus on rebuilding their lives, not worrying about losing their homes," HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson extends foreclosure moratorium on FHA mortgages for victims of Katrina and Rita until February 28th. . . U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awards \$358,000 to HomeAgain – formerly called ESI – to provide housing, transportation job training and counseling to 15 homeless veterans. . . Goochland County Chairman Malvern Butler installed as President of Virginia Association of Counties. . . Southside Outreach Group and DHCD's Bill Shelton celebrate grand opening of first eight homes in HUD-funded Sunnybrooke subdivision of South Boston. . . Accessible Housing of South Hampton Roads says accessible Sanderling apartments in Chesapeake to be ready for occupancy by mid-December. . . Danville-Spotsylvania Community Services cuts ribbon on HUD-funded Piney Ridge group home. . . David Annis, Accomack-Northampton PDC's housing production chief, wins DHCD Lifetime Achievement Award for rehabbing over 300 and building more than 50 homes on the Eastern Shore. . . Department of Historic Resources hosts Rehabilitation Tax Credits Open House December 2nd. . . Telamon wins Barth Foundation grant to provide books and tutors to children of migrant workers in Winchester and Belle Haven. . . Blue Ridge Housing Development in Roanoke launches new Website at <http://www.blueridgehousing.com>. . . Gazette-Virginian says Halifax has won \$97,515 DHCD grant for "last mile" cyber-connections in downtown. . . Winchester opens new Office of Housing & Neighborhood Development. . . Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing and GreenBlue says *The Daily Progress*, install three, 1200 square-foot, energy efficient modular homes in Page Street area. . . Hampton Roads PDC's "data book" now on-line at <http://www.hrpdc.org/economics/Databook2005.shtml>. . . Chesterfield County's Ronald Clements elected President of Virginia Building & Code Officials Association. . . Winchester Star says Help With Housing completes repair of record 27 homes in Clarke, Frederick and Warren counties. . . UVa students Daniel Norman and Carter Williams win first prize in DPOR's New American Front Door accessible design contest. . . Valley Responds, Inc., raises \$203,000 for adopted city of Long Beach, Miss. . . Virginian Pilot says South Hampton Roads Habitat to build multi-family houses "to cope with shriveling supply" of land. . . James River Green Building Council honors Daniel Sloan of McGuire Woods, Moseley Architects, Virginia Sustainable Building Network, Arlington County and Free Union Country School. . . Proposals for feasibility study on new assisted living facility serving Fluvanna, Goochland and Louisa counties due December 16th at Thomas Jefferson PDC. . . Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant applications due January 20th at state Department of Emergency Management. . . Get help preparing your group's annual report at www.taprootfoundation.org. . . Call Debbie Griner at 804-343-5518 to register for VHDA Housing Tax Credit workshops January 4th in Falls Church, January 5th in Richmond and January 6th in Virginia Beach. . . HUD Richmond okays 20-bed expansion of Lee Nursing Center in Pennington Gap.

SELF-HELP HELPS 70,000

Governor Mark Warner says DHCD's Self Help Virginia has connected "nearly 70,000 Virginians" to clean, reliable water supplies in past four years. Begun in 1998, Self Help relies on "community volunteers who act as their own project managers to dig ditches, install water and sewer lines and operate leased or donated equipment." He estimated volunteers have saved almost \$7 million in construction costs.

STAR SEARCH

Has your organization made "outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through energy efficiency"? Then apply for 2006 ENERGY STAR award. Applications due December 15th. For more, visit www.energystar.gov.

REGISTER NOW!

For South Hampton Roads Conference on Ending Homelessness on February 1st, at Virginia Beach Convention Center. For more, contact spurveyar@theplanningcouncil.org or call 757/622-9268, ext. 3008.

DON'T FORGET

VHDA is allocating some \$226 million in unblended mortgage revenue bond and REACH Virginia resources for development of affordable single family housing under Round 5 of its Sponsoring Partnerships & Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) program. Applications due December 9th. For more, contact Toni Ostrowski at 804/343-5982 or toni.ostrowski@vhda.com

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